

of the people with developmental disabilities in the State of Nebraska, who are receiving those services. LB 1136 very simply does two things. It takes 62 percent of those dollars, provides it into taking people off of the waiting list, those people that are not now receiving services. The balance is used to bring salary equity into the community-based system, the community-based programs which include the regions and the private providers, to bring them into parity with what we're paying our state employees at BSDC and the Regional Centers. With that, Madam President, members of the body, I am offering the amendment to LB 1136 which strikes the original \$2 million and inserts \$4 million, and I would ask your acceptance of that amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Moore would move to amend Senator Byars' amendment. (Senator Moore's FA540 appears on page 1817 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, this amendment procedurally, just so everybody understands it, I think instead of fighting it once or twice I'm always a firm believer in fighting your battles and then going home when you win or lose. This is a one-time shot to decrease the amount. Senator Byars' amendment is simply dealing with intent language. The way it is now you have \$2 million in the bill and 8 million in the A bill, his desire is to raise the two to four and then make it uniform in the A bill. My amendment, instead of raising it from two to four, would go the other direction and lower it to one. And the reason I do that and the reason I offer the amendment is, as we said last week, I mean, I'm not going to take a whole lot of time here but I think this body somewhere between now and next Wednesday or next...when the budget bill comes back or next Friday is going to have to make some painful decisions. And the fact is if we move this bill at \$4 million, the Governor is going to veto some things. It's that simple. What it is, I don't know. I do not know what it's going to be. Look at the sheet, you know, \$132 million out of whack, using assumptions. Just to give you an idea, if you use the same assumptions we've been using for the last 24 months at least, when the Governor introduced his budget bill to this Legislature in January he was \$87 million out of whack the out biennium. Right now we're